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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

WILLIAM J. & CHERI L. BRIGLIA, PETITIONER) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION) SETTLEMENT
V.) OLITELMENT
٧.) BPU DOCKET NO. TC08121039U
VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., RESPONDENT	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC2296-09

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 10, 2008, William J. & Cheri L. Briglia (Petitioners) filed a petition with the Board disputing a billing of Verizon New Jersey Inc. (Respondent).

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law (ALJ) Judge Ronald W. Reba.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and executed a Settlement Agreement (Agreement) dated August 17, 2009, which was subsequently submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on August 20, 2009, and submitted to the Board on August 26, 2009, ALJ Reba found that the Agreement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Pursuant to the terms of their settlement, Respondent has agreed to credit the Petitioners' account in the amount of \$2,017.90 which represents half of Petitioners' outstanding balance. The credit will be applied when Petitioners have made payment of \$2,017.90, which represents their half of the bill. In return, Petitioners have agreed that their petition should be dismissed with prejudice.

After review and consideration of the Initial Decision and the Agreement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that, by the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the parties have resolved all outstanding contested issues. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the Settlement Agreement of the parties in their entirety as if fully set out herein. This matter is therefore deemed to be DISMISSED with prejudice.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

Utilities

WILLIAM J. & CHERI L. BRIGLIA

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VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC.

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INITIAL DECISION
SETTLEMENT

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WILLIAM J. AND CHERI L. BRIGLIA,
Petitioners.

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VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC.,

Respondent.

W.J.B. and C.L.B., petitioners, pro se

Ralph V. Lee, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: August 17, 2009

Decided: August 20, 2009

BEFORE RONALD W. REBA, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on February 20, 2009, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Settlement Agreement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

I have reviewed the record and the terms of settlement and I FIND:

The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their 1.

signatures or their representatives' signatures.

The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with 2.

the law.

I CONCLUDE that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1

and that the settlement should be approved. I approve the settlement and therefore

ORDER that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings

be concluded.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for

consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, who by law is authorized to make a final decision in

this matter. If the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES does not adopt, modify or reject this

decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this

recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A.

52:14B-10.

AU CUST 20, 2009

DATE

Date Received at Agency: 8,/76/09

Date Mailed to Parties:

ALD W. REBA, ALJ

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A copy of the administrative law judge's decision is enclosed.

This decision was mailed to the

parties on AUG 21 2009

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9 Quakerbridge Plaza PO Box 049 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0049

Laura Sanders, Director

and Chief Administrative Law Judge SOUTH

Date: \$\frac{1}{21/09}

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AGENCY RECEIPT